

# Trafficking Resource Guide



## Spotting the Signs

It's important to recognize the signs that you may be speaking to a sex trafficking victim



### Be Observant:

Does the individual avoid eye contact? Are they wearing new clothing or clothing that seems inappropriate for the weather? Do they look uneasy, anxious, or hostile while talking to you? Do they have any traffickers tattoo insignias visible (\$, crowns, names of pimps or initials, "Daddy")? Do they appear harmed or abused?

### Who Are They With?

Are they with an over controlling or abusive "Daddy"/"Boyfriend" or an older male or female? Do these individuals carry the victim's identification and personal items? Are they with other minors who seem controlled or manipulated by the "boyfriend" or the older male or female?

### What Are They Telling You? Or Not Telling You...

Do their answers seem coached or rehearsed? Do they talk about excessive traveling or moving around? Do they avoid answering where they are living? What do they do for work? Are they looking to someone else before they answer a question? Do they know about the local area?

## What Do They Have?

Are they carrying a lot of cash or prepaid credit cards? Do they have sexual items like condoms, lube, lingerie, or sex toys? Do they have a hotel key? Are they carrying multiple phones?

## What Should You Do?

1. Make sure the victim(s) are ok: do they need food, water, a blanket, medical attention, or resources?
2. Consult with an investigator for assistance and guidance
3. Contact Child Protective Services (CPS) if the victim is a minor
4. Ensure the individual is aware of victim resources and programs that are available in their area

## Resources

- **MN Human Trafficking Investigators Task Force (MNHITF):** (651)793-7000
- **Regional Safe Harbor Advocate:**  
<http://www.health.state.mn.us/injury/topicsafeharbor/navigators.html>
- **National Human Trafficking Hotline:** (888)-373-7888
- **MN Day One Crisis Hotline:** (866)-223-1111

## Evidence

1. Phones: Match to owner and obtain password, check number for matching sex ads, ask for consent to view photos, calls, and messages
2. Computers: Match to owner & obtain password, look for social media accounts like: Facebook, SnapChat, & dating apps
3. Confiscate any evidence related to trafficking: phones, money, credit cards, sexual items (condoms, lube, lingerie), etc.
4. Record the evidence:
  - Collect separate statements from each individual interviewed
  - Take pictures of the subjects and victims
  - Write notes on each encounter (attitude, description, information divulged)
  - Take pictures the evidence and area